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TRAFFIC FATALITY #58

Case: 08-3590947

Date: Wednesday, December 24, 2008

Time: 1:34 p.m.

Location: Hwy 290 E at Johnny Morris Road

Deceased: Ruperto Gardoza-Guarda, Hispanic male, (D. O. B. 5-2-87)

Narrative:

On Wednesday, December 24, 2008, Northeast Area Command patrol officers responded to a traffic crash at Hwy 290 E and Johnny Morris Road.

A 2009 Motorhome was traveling eastbound on Hwy 290. A 1995 Chevrolet pickup was westbound of Hwy 290 in the left turn lane. Both vehicles entered the intersection at the same time, striking each other. The Motorhome flipped over and came to rest on the southeast corner of Hwy 290 and Johnny Morris Road after striking the traffic signal pole. The Chevrolet ended up in the center median on Hwy 290 just east of the intersection.

The passenger in the Chevrolet was pronounced deceased on the scene as a result of injuries sustained in the crash. Austin-Travis County EMS transported the driver of the Chevrolet to University Medical Center at Brackenridge with life threatening injuries.

The driver and passenger of the Motorhome were treated and released at the scene.

Anyone with information regarding this incident is asked to call APD Vehicular Homicide Unit Detectives at 512-974-8266. This case remains under investigation by APD Vehicular Homicide detectives. This is the 58th traffic fatality of 2008.

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